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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: SECRETARY CLINTON IN AFRICA, NORTH KOREA,
U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Editorial Quotes

11. SECRETARY CLINTON IN AFRICA

"Clinton advances into Africa"

The official Xinhua News Agency international news publication International Herald Leader (Guoji Xianqu Daobao) (08/06): "Liu Naiya, an expert on African and Asian affairs at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, noted that the nations Secretary Clinton visited in Africa are either rich in oil rich or have a large population, revealing the U.S.'s 'comprehensive engagement' with Africa. Against the backdrop of the global financial crisis, these countries' strategic importance to the U.S. is more obvious. The U.S.'s current Africa policy is 'carrot and stick': offering economic aid to African countries it deems to be 'democratic' and issuing warnings to those it deems to be 'undemocratic' based on the U.S.'s definition of 'democratic.' Experts argue that Chinese-African relations will not be affected by Secretary Clinton's visit, and China will be pleased to see the implementation of U.S. economic and technical aid to Africa. However, objectively speaking, China and the U.S. have competing national interests in Africa."

12. NORTH KOREA

"Any breakthrough in the North Korean nuclear issue must be substantive"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global Times (Huanqiu Shibao) (08/06): "The diplomatic drama produced by the United States and North Korea has come to an end. Not many Chinese people are interested in whether or not President Clinton's visit will become the turning point for U.S.-North Korean relations. Neither are they concerned about whether or not the U.S. and North Korea will hold bilateral talks; the Chinese are even willing to see reconciliation between the two countries. What the Chinese are really worried about is whether this type of bilateral engagement will marginalize the Six-Party Talks. China insists that this is the only proper forum to discuss the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. If the U.S. and North Korea are really sincere about this issue, they should take substantive action rather than just putting on a show for the Chinese people."

13. U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

"The U.S. should be 'smarter' in leading the world"

The official Xinhua News Agency international news publication International Herald Leader (Guoji Xianqu Daobao) (08/06): "Yuan Peng, Director of the American Studies Center at the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations, argued that Secretary Clinton's reference to 'a multi-partner world' in her opening remarks at the S&ED does not indicate that the U.S. is giving up its leadership role in the world. This statement is in fact an overview

of the Obama Administration's foreign policy, and presents both an opportunity and a challenge for China. According to this statement, China is as an important of a partner to the U.S. as Japan and the EU. However, this statement also poses the following challenges. First, it stresses development, which may indicate that the U.S. will increase aid to poor countries in Africa and Latin America. This will put pressure on China's diplomacy. Second, if not dealt with appropriately, there might be some kind of antagonism between the 'multi-partner world' the U.S. promotes and the 'multi-polar world' China endorses."

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